

WINSLOW RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

FOR THE YEAR 1946.

To the Chairman & Councillors of
Winslow Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Madam & Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present
the annual report on the health and vital statistics of the
district for the year 1946.

Incorporated with the report are some
observations by your Sanitary Inspector, Mr. Piper, who
commenced duties on January 1st 1947.

Despite the unusual severity of the winter
there was no marked increase either in the deaths from
respiratory disease or the notifications of influenzal
infections. The incidence of infectious disease was
remarkably low, and there was no case of diphtheria notified
during the year.

The invaluable services of the Emergency
Public Health Laboratory both at Stoke Mandeville Ministry
of Pensions hospital and at Oxford, have been available
throughout the year to assist in the prevention of disease
generally.

I thank you Mr. Chairman and Members of the
Council for your admirable support in all matters affecting
the health of the district, also the members of the Public
Health Staff for their unfailing assistance throughout the
year.

I am,

Mr. Chairman, Madam & Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant.

Medical Officer of Health.

Public Health Officers for 1946.

Medical Officer of Health

Dr. J.T.C. Sims-Roberts.

Medical Officer under Poor Law Acts
and Public Vaccination.

Dr. A.E. Leapingwell.

Sanitary Inspector.

Mr. H. Nicholls

Public Health Clerk.

Miss G. Yeo.

Extract of Vital Statistics for 1946.

Live Births. Total 126.

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Legitimate.	54	61	115
Illegitimate.	3	8	11

Still Births.

Legitimate	Nil	Nil	Nil
Illegitimate.	Nil	Nil	Nil

Deaths of Infants.

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Under 1 year of age.	3	3	6
Puerperal Sepsis.	None	None	None
Measels.	None	None	None
Whooping Cough.	1	None	1
Diarrhoea under 2 years.	None	None	None

Birth rate per thousand 17.90

Death rate " " 14.67

Infant mortality rate. per thousand live births 47.61.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (in acres)	36,260
Number of inhabited houses 31st Dec. 1946 (according to rate book)	2,225
Rateable Value (31st Dec. 1946)	£29,060
Sum respected by Penny Rate (31st March 1947)	£118

Pathological Examinations. Laboratory Facilities.

The arrangement is continued for medical practitioners in this district to enjoy the facilities provided by the Emergency Public Health Laboratory, Oxford.

The laboratory at the Ministry of Pensions Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Aylesbury continues to examine and report upon pathological, milk and water samples submitted by statutory officers for bacteriological examination.

Diphtheria Immunisation.

Arrangements are made by the Bucks County Council for the immunisation of children under one year, and of school age, free of charge. This is carried out by general practitioners and at Infant Welfare Centres and schools. 120 children were immunised during the year.

The district being essentially rural is also served by a mobile immunisation clinic recently provided. Infant welfare Centres serving the district are held at Winslow, Blotchley, Buckingham and Steeple Claydon.

Hospitals Serving the District.

1. General Hospital. Royal Bucks Hospital, Aylesbury.
2. Tuberculosis. None within the district.
Suitable cases sent to the
Berks and Bucks Sanatorium.
3. There is a Public Assistance Institution in Winslow providing about 60 beds.
A Maternity Ward of 10 beds is provided at this Institution.
There is also 40 beds provided for mental defectives, 33 for females and 7 for males. All cases are feeble minded and of low grade.

Infectious Disease Accommodation.

Hospital accommodation for the district is provided at the Grove Hospital, Linslade, and by reciprocal arrangements, when necessary, at Aylesbury Isolation Hospital, Booker Isolation Hospital, High Wycombe, or Slough Isolation Hospital, Sippenham.
For the treatment of anterior poliomyelitis cases, arrangements can be made with the Oxford City Isolation Hospital.

Treatment of Veneral Diseases.

The Bucks County Council are participants in the London and Home Counties Joint Scheme operated by the London County Council.

Full details of the hospitals within the Scheme, at any one of which patients from the County of Buckinghamshire can obtain treatment free of charge, may be obtained on application to the County Medical Officer of Health, County Offices, Aylesbury.

Local Facilities for treatment.

Royal Bucks Hospital, Aylesbury. The days and times for attendance are as follows:-

Males	Monday Evenings. Thursday Evenings.
Females	Monday Evenings. Thursday Evenings.

Prevalence of and control over, infectious and other diseases.

During the year 23 cases were reported:-

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during 1946.

	Civilian.	Non-civilian.	Deaths.
Scarlet Fever	2	None	None
Diphtheria	None	"	"
Measles	1	"	"
Pneumonia	1	"	2
Whooping Cough	17	"	"
Cerebro Spinal Fever	1	"	"
Erysipelas	1	"	"

Tuberculosis (respiratory) New cases None.

Analysis of Deaths.

Tuberculosis	1
Syphilitic diseases	-
Influenza	-
Cancer (all sites)	22
Diabetes	-
Intra Cranial vascular lesions	13
Heart disease	21
Other diseases of circ. system	-
Bronchitis	7
Pneumonia	2
Other respiratory diseases	1
Other digestive diseases	2
Nephritis	2
Premature birth	3
Con. mal. birth inj. infant dis.	3
Other violent causes	3
All other causes	21
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Mr. Chairman, Madam & Gentlemen,

In the absence of my predecessor Mr. H. Nicholls, I have the honour to submit to you relevant figures and details taken from the records of this department.

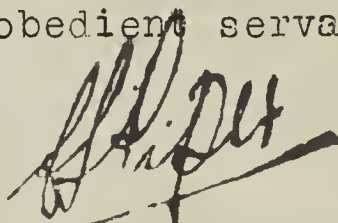
I will of course be better able to report upon the circumstances of the district and the amendments which take place when I present my annual report for 1947.

May I take this opportunity of thanking the Council for the confidence they placed in me by my appointment, and of assuring them of my loyalty during my term of office with them,

I am,

Mr. Chairman, Madam & Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,


Surveyor & Sanitary Inspector.

Water Supplies.

Throughout the year unsatisfactory wells have been condemned and dwelling houses connected to the main supply, figures are as follows:-

East Claydon	12
Stewkley	4
Great Horwood	2
Drayton Parslow	1
North Marston	3
Winslow	8

The practice of routine inspection and analysis of all suspected wells is ~~condemned~~^{financed} and every endeavour is being made to get properties connected to the main supply so soon as possible.

Meat and Foods.

Routine inspections have been carried out concerning the above and food weighing 92 lbs has been condemned as unfit for human consumption.

Rodent Control.

Disinfestation is carried out in this area by contract with the County Council, the County Pests Officer, Mr. C.A. Wilson, carries out routine inspections and disinfestations. The satisfactory manner in which this scheme is operated is largely due to the excellent liason and co-operation of the County department.

Sewerage Schemes.

As reported in the last annual report the majority of villages await Ministry enquiry. Owing to existing circumstances the schemes are not proceeding as had been hoped.

In the meanwhile there are many sewer ditches throughout the district which give rise to periodic nuisance. Within the scope of the labour available, everything is done to clean out these ditches when required.

Refuse Collection and Refuse Tips.

Collection at present done by contract is more or less satisfactory but it is hoped that improvement both in collection and disposal will take place with the commencement of the direct labour scheme. This will be put in hand so soon as delivery of the refuse vehicle is taken.

The tips themselves are in an unsatisfactory state due to lack of labour. Every effort is made to maintain control, and considerable improvement should take place when the above mentioned scheme operates.

Public Health Inspections.

The following miscellaneous inspections were carried out in 1946.

Water Supplies.....	69
Milk and Dairies.....	63
Sewers and Drains.....	54
Refuse Tips (including salvage).....	36
Nuisances abated.....	46
Drainage.....	110
Inspections re Sanitary Accommodation.	62
Factories and Workshops.....	37
Bakehouses.....	7
Housing.....	127
W.C. Conversions.....	9
Infectious disease visits.....	12

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